

Customer No.: 31561
Application No.: 10/707,632
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REMARKS

Present Status of the Application

The Examiner's indication allowance of claims 10 and 23-25, and claims 17 and 30 would be allowed if rewritten into independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims is noted with great appreciation. Accordingly, Applicants have incorporated the subject matters of claims 17 and 30 into claims 7 and 28 respectively, and canceled claims 17 and 30 without prejudice or disclaimer, for expediting early allowance of this application. Accordingly, after entry of the amendments to claims 7 and 28, it is believed that claims 7 and 28 are in proper condition for allowance.

Furthermore, Applicants amended claims 21-22, 26-27 and 33-34 to overcome rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112 set forth in the outstanding Office Action, and also amended claims 19, 24 and 31. Amendments to claims 19, 21-22, 24, 26-28, 31 and 33-34 are fully supported at paragraph [0023]. Therefore, it is believed that no new matter adds by way of amendments made to claims or otherwise to the application.

For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 7-10, 18-29 and 31-34 patently define over prior art of record and reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

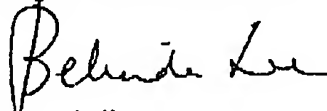
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CONCLUSION

For at least the foregoing reasons, it is believed that all the pending claims 7-10, 18-29 and 31-34 of the present application patently define over the prior art and are in proper condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would expedite the examination of the above-identified patent application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

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